JL, Depositions-Gallagher/Frazier 2/25/77

Frazier pulled what can be a real faux pas yesterday in testifying that he gave second-hand testimony before the Warren Commission only to save "Gallagher a short period of time."

This fits beautifully with what you told me this morning, that you have to lean on them when you know they lied.

I've seen the stripes. I long to hear the road, if in the quietest, most subdued tones. I have this suggestion for your practising, only not like Bottom.

Before you show him the Q 15 work slip for NAA or after, as you see fit, go back to this Frazier testimony.

Begin this by showing him all we were given on spectro and NAA, the whole great big bundle. Weight it first or count the sheets, as you will. Do include nitrate cast tests because that also was Gallagher's work. You'll come to well over 300 different pages.

Have it all with you but do not show it to him. Maybe have it except for what he may expect , the few pages the Frazier/Kilty/Bresson operation gave us.

Begin by asking him to look at them, without reference to Frazier's testimony.

Ask him to identify the spectro materials separately, without indication of the NAA material. Get him to identify them and as his work.

Then ask him how long it would take him to give adequate testimony on their content and meaning. On all the substances he tested.

If he gives you an answer that seems inadequate take each item separately and ask him to explain it and let the record show you are giving the time on your own watch or mine, or ask Ryan to check his, too.

Then go through it, item by item, and ask him what it means. Don't worry about the time it takes or what it costs me for you to do it.

When you have finished this tedious business ask him if he testified before the Warren Commission on any date prior to 9/15/64 and if he knows of any testimony later than his. This was only 12 days before the Report was public, none before in printed form it was handed to the President, all 900 pages of it.

He did not.

Ask him if he then testified to anything other than the nitrate casts. He didnot.

THEN show him the batch we got when Ryan dropped it off at oyur house and ask him if he wants you to go through all of that of it he can give you an estimate of how long it would take him to testify to it. Whatever he says ask him to estimate the thickness of the stack of papers and pictures. If he declines let the record show what you estimate it to be.

Then ask him why he did not testify to his own work. Whatever he says ask him if if is true that the only reason Frazier gave second-hand testimony was to save HIM "a short period of time."

Then ask him what reports he filed on this great stack of records. And where he last saw them, to whom he gave them, etc.

Do this as soon as you qualify him, before you ask him anything else. Between this and Q15 he may be less cocky. Hastily,